

Congress of the United States House of Representatives

CONGRESSMAN GREG CASAR TEXAS 35TH DISTRICT

March 28, 2023

The Honorable Kay Granger Chairwoman Committee on Appropriations H-305, the Capitol Washington, D.C. 20515 The Honorable Rosa DeLauro Ranking Member Committee on Appropriations 1036 Longworth HOB Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for Meadows Center for Water and the Environment Texas Coast Project in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is Texas State University (Meadows Center for Water and the Environment), located at 601 University Drive San Marcos, TX 78666. The funding would be used for a pilot project to develop automated tools suitable for community participation in coastal management of fecal contamination under climate change. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because this project will help improve the public health of coastal communities and results of this work will serve as a model for other coastal communities experiencing similar water quality concerns.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized in the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. § 1451 et seq.).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

Congressman Greg Casar

Texas Congressional District 35